Swajaldhara Yojana in Gujarat

997. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government collected additional amount of Rs. 117367 lakhs during 2004-05 and Rs. 54321 lakhs during 2005-06, under the Swajaldhara Yojana;

(b) whether the fund allocated met the requirement of State; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to meet the requirement of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) Gujarat was allocated an additional amount of Rs. 1173.67 lakhs during 2004-05 and Rs. 543.21 lakhs during 2005-06, under Swajaldhara. As per the Swajaldhara Guidelines, State-wise allocations are made at the beginning of the year as per a laid down criteria. At the end of the financial year, subject to savings and performance of a State, additional allocations are considered. Accordingly, Gujarat was allocated additional funds as mentioned above. Requirements beyond these allocations are met in the succeeding years.

Monitoring Committee for NREGA

998. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released to various State Governments unto 30th June, 2006 under the National Rural Employent Guarantee Act;

(b) whether the Ministry obtained utilization certificates from those States;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor,

(d) whether there is any monitoring committee to examine works carried out in the above scheme; and

(e) if not, whether Government propose to appoint such committee, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) A statement giving